

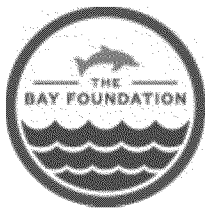
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**Subject:** Re: FW: TFW/UW/NEP - FY17 EPM funding available from HQ for integration work - matching funds

Hi Erica,

Makes sense that we have the same match requirements and no, it's not a roadblock. Our partners contribute a substantial amount of in-kind match that we can use. I think your grad student idea.

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On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 12:49 PM, Yelensky, Erica <[Yelensky.Erica@epa.gov](mailto:Yelensky.Erica@epa.gov)> wrote:

Grace,

I just found out that these funds are subject the same match requirement as your Clean Water Act 320 NEP funds= 50% match. When I asked about this earlier, I had received a different answer. Is this a roadblock?

Potential sources of match I can think of are primarily in-kind contributions such as:

- in-kind contributions from city staff for being trained and working with restaurants;
- hours invested by restaurant owners and staff
- grad student assistance

Thanks,

Erica

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**Subject:** REMINDER: TFW/UW/NEP - FY17 EPM funding available from HQ for integration work - PROPOSALS DUE TOMORROW AT 5PM EASTERN

**Importance:** High

All:

This is just a reminder that any proposals you chose to submit are due to me **by 5pm tomorrow**.

Thanks.

Romell

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**From:** Nandi, Romell

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:06 AM

**Subject:** TFW/UW/NEP - FY17 EPM funding available from HQ for integration work (proposal deadline is 5pm Eastern on Thursday, 6/8)

Hi, everyone:

For those of you who were not on last Wednesday's TFW call, my name is Romell Nandi, and I officially joined the TFW team as of yesterday. Part of my TFW purview will be to keep track of Regional TFW efforts so that the team at HQ can more effectively help you accomplish what you are trying to do, and to better track how the TFW program is progressing nationally.

Yesterday, May 30, was the first day of our newly reorganized Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds. TFW, Urban Waters (UW), and the National Estuary Program (NEP) are the three constituent programs of the newly created "Partnership Programs Branch" (PPB) under Branch Chief Surabhi Shah. One of the goals of PPB is to better integrate our three constituent programs because we believe that doing so will lead both to programmatic efficiencies, and (hopefully) to better environmental outcomes. That said, we are still figuring out what it means to integrate these programs. Although there will still be activities and initiatives that are independent to each program, we are looking for ways to advance this integration.

As mentioned on the TFW call last Wednesday, one of the ways we are going to try to advance integration is for HQ to send FY17 EPM funding to Regions for Trash Free Waters projects that also carry out activities in UW sites (Federal Partnership or small grant recipient sites: see <https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/about-urban-waters-federal->

partnership and <https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/map-urban-waters-small-grants#tab-3> for UW locational information) or NEPs (i.e. CCMP study areas) in your Region.

Details for soliciting HQ funding:

We have up to \$130,000 in total funding available. We have no formal upper or lower bounds on funding for individual projects; instead we will consider possible funding for each proposal in light of the funding requests for other proposals, and will also consider partial funding of projects. We may also contact you if we have any questions about your proposal.

Criteria we want all proposals to meet:

- ☐ Integration of TFW projects in UW Federal Partnership or small grant recipient areas and/or NEP CCMP study areas.
- ☐ Projects that have a vehicle ready to use the reprogrammed money.

Non-mandated factors we will consider:

- ☐ Demonstration of existing coordination with UW ambassadors, UW small grant recipients, and/or NEP programs.
- ☐ Demonstration of wider stakeholder engagement.
- ☐ Transferability: can this project be replicated elsewhere (extra credit for any ideas on how to do that!)?
- ☐ Is the project in your TFW Regional work plan already?
- ☐ Is the project in one of the ten areas described in the attached draft TFW program integration place-based opportunities areas (described by Emma Maschal on last TFW call).
- ☐ Prioritizing trash prevention over cleanup events.

I apologize for the short-turn-around, but our management has requested that we get the money out as soon as possible. **So please send me project plans and funding requests by 5pm Eastern on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest.** The money will be conveyed through reprogramming - no other options are available for conveying the money. I need particular information in order to do the reprogramming, so please send me as part of your proposal:

- Description of project (try your best to limit to no more than two pages while addressing the mandatory and any non-mandatory criteria you choose to, above – you do not need a budget breakdown unless you want to send one)
- Dollar amount requested
- Program contact name and phone number
- If you are adding the funds to a contract or grant (with name of contractor or grantee)

**Important note:** in order to not run afoul of the grant competition policy, we can only allow only \$25,000 total (of the approximately \$130,000 we are making available, not per grant) to go for new grant work not already articulated in an existing grant workplan. Beyond that \$25,000 amount, any money added to a grant must be for existing work in a grant workplan (i.e. you cannot amend the grant to do additional work because you are getting more funding).

There is no limit to the amount of available money that can be put into contracts.

**I will inform you via email no later than June 16 if your project has been chosen for funding or not.** If your project is chosen for funding, then when the reprogramming has been completed, I will send you a screenshot with the reprogramming number so you know when your Region has received the money.

Feel free to call me or email me with any questions you may have. Thanks.

Romell Nandi

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